REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are pending, none of these claims having been amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected as being anticipated by <u>Yasuda</u> (U.S. Patent 5,999,694).

Applicants traverse the rejection.

Claim 1, for example, is directed to an information processing apparatus that includes, among other things, recording means <u>for recording</u> said one or more play list files and said <u>management information file, on said recording medium</u>. According to Claim 1, the management information file contains a "resume PlayList filename that indicates a name of a particular PlayList file whose playback has been terminated. The particular PlayList file contains temporal information on a time point of the termination of the playback of the particular PlayList file.

One advantage of <u>recording the resume PlayList filename on the recording medium</u>, is that if the same recording medium is used in different player/recorders, the operator can play the contents from the resume point without having personal knowledge of where to resume the playback operation.

The outstanding Office Action asserts that <u>Yasuda</u> discloses all of the elements of Claim 1. Applicants traverse the rejection.

The Office Action points to Figure 14 and the corresponding description at column 23, lines 15-25 and column 24, lines 45-68 for the purpose of showing that <u>Yasuda</u> discloses

recording management information on the recording medium, where the management information contains a resume PlayList filename. Applicants traverse this characterization. Figure 14 shows the construction of information that is stored on a video CD (column 23, lines 25-26). However, this description in Yasuda never describes the recording of "resume PlayList filename" that was actually recorded on the video CD. The Office Action perhaps is referring to the reference to ID play items that may be played if a "previous" key, or a "return" key is pushed on the keyboard 21 (column 24, lines 55-61). However, this does not correspond with a resume PlayList file. As seen in Figure 3A of Yasuda, step S11 explains storing sector address to backup memory, followed by step S12, which determines a store TR and TC to backup memory. TR refers to a temporal reference and TC refers to a time code in backup memory (see Figures 1 and 13), which are included in a player. However, the backup memory referred to in steps S11 and S12 are in memory of the player, and not received on the recording medium itself.

Because Yasuda fails to disclose recording management information file on a recording medium, where the management information file contains a resume PlayList file name that indicates a name of a particular PlayList file whose playback has been terminated, it is respectfully submitted that Yasuda does not anticipate Claim 1.

Although of differing statutory class and/or scope, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 2-3 and 5-7 also patentably define over Yasuda for substantially the same reasons discussed above with regard to Claim 1.

Consequently, in light of the foregoing comments it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-3 and 5-7 patentably defines over the asserted prior art. The

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present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early

sand favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

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